

The 3rd Meeting of the IPC Held

The 3rd Meeting of the IPC for the 13th WFYS was held in Berlin, capital of the GDR over November 23-27 last year.

It was attended by 402 representatives of 138 National Preparatory Committees, national organizations, 39 regional and international youth and student organizations representing 105 countries and West-Berlin as well as by a number of observers.

Erich Honecker, Secretary General of the Central Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic, made a congratulatory speech at the opening session.

In the speech, he touched upon the fact that the German Democratic Republic hosted the WFYS two times successfully and spoke about the festival movement and the present international situation.

Noting that the World Festival of Youth and Students would be held in an Asian country in 1989 for the first time, he stressed this was of great significance in deepening the mutual understanding among the young people of all continents and strengthening solidarity and unity in action among them and had this to say:

Proposals of the DPRK for the relaxation of tention on the Korean peninsula as well as for the creation of a nuclear-free zone are constructive ones drawing deep attention of the world and enjoying our active support and encouragement.

The efforts of the DPRK for easing tention on the Korean peninsula, dialogue between the north and the south and the peaceful and democratic reunification prove that the DPRK has an attitude not harmful to anybody but useful to everybody.

The world youth handed over the relay baton of the festival to Pyongyang and the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea.

Thus, the youth of your fraternal people who are recognized in due respect by the world for their heroic feats in rehabilitation and construction have become the sponsor of the festival.

Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our friend and comrade-in-arms, the Korean people have rehabilitated everything which had been severely destroyed in the war of aggression ignited by the imperialists, constructed the powerful economy and registered unimaginable achievements through a socialist programme.

It is a well-known fact that the Korean people and youth are making great efforts to become a good sponsor of the World Festival of Youth and Students, the first of its kind on the Asian continent.

Conditions are being created for wide-range and democratic meetings of the Festival participants.

He said that those who visit the DPRK these days will vividly imagine what hospitality will be accorded to the world youth in Korea next year and he emphasised like this:

New buildings for the festival add to the beauty of Pyongyang.

Pyongyang, the capital city of a prospering socialist country, gives deeper impressions than usual.

We wish the Korean people and youth most excellent successes in preparations for and holding of the 13th WFYS.

The DPRK will always enjoy an active solidarity



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from the German Democratic Republic, especially the new generations.

Concluding the speech, he explained how preparation for the festival was going on in the GDR and wished the success of the Third Meeting of the International Preparatory Committee for the 13th



WFYS.

At the meeting, the Provisional Working Group delivered a report on the basic proposal for the 13th WFYS program and Treasurer of the International Solidarity Fund also made a report.

Speeches were made by Choe Ryong Hae, Chairman of the C.C. of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea and the Korean Preparatory Committee of the 13th WFYS, and by some delegates from national preparatory committees for the festival and international and regional organizations.

Speaking about the significance of the 13th WFYS to be held for the first time in Asian continent, they stressed that the youth and students of five continents should take active part in the Pyongyang Festival transcending the differences of ideology, political view and religious belief under the slogan, "Anti-Imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship".

Noting that the preparatory work for the 13th WFYS is being made briskly in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, its host country, they expressed their warm congratulations and deep thanks to the Korean youth and students who are trying their best for it.

The meeting discussed exchange of opinions on the progress of preparation for the Festival, the basic proposal for the Festival program, organization of the Permanent Committee of the IPC and the place and the date of the Fourth Meeting of the IPC.

Adopted at the meeting was the final communique of the IPC for the 13th WFYS.

The meeting decided to hold the Fourth Meeting of the IPC from March 30 to April 3, 1989 in Pyongyang, capital of the DPRK.

Following the closing session, the meeting of the Permanent Committee of the IPC was convened.

Chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea and the Korean Preparatory Committee for the 13th WFYS and First Secretary of Central Committee of the Free German Youth who is Chairman of the National Preparatory Committee of the GDR had jointly a press conference in connection with the successful holding of the meeting.

Final Communique of the 3rd IPC Meeting

- 1. The 3rd meeting of the International Preparatory Committee for the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students was held in Berlin, capital of the GDR from November 23-27, 1988. It was attended by 402 representatives of 138 National Preparatory Committees, national organizations, 39 regional and international youth and student organizations representing 105 countries and West-Berlin as well as by a number of obervers.
- 2. The opening ceremony of the 3rd meeting of the IPC was addressed by Erich Honecker, Secretary General of the CC of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany and Chairman of the State Council of the German Democratic Republic. He expressed the great attachment of the people of the GDR and its youth to the ideals of the festival movement.
- 3. The meeting took place in an atmosphere of open and constructive dialogue and provided a useful platform for exchanging information and views regarding all aspects of the further development of the festival movement, in the preparations for the 13th WFYS.
- 4. The meeting took note of the information presented on the proceedings of the Provisional Working Group between the 2nd and 3rd IPC and appreciated the work accomplished by the PWG in accordance with the mandate given by the 2nd IPC. The participants welcomed the proposals and recommendations presented in

the report of the NPC of Algeria on the work of the PWG to the 3rd IPC meeting.

- 5. The participants took also note of the information presented by the Treasurer for the International Solidarity Fund on the work done since the 2nd IPC. They underlined the importance of a broad assistance to this found and urged the NPCs and all organizations to step up their efforts to contribute to it, within their own capacity and possibilities.
- 6. The participants had a broad and useful exchange of information on the continuing preparatory process for the 13th WFYS on the national and international level, particularly since the 2nd IPC meeting in India in May 1988. They welcomed the formation of further National Preparatory Committees in many countries, the holding of different events and initiatives towards the festival, in which a broad variety of youth and student organizations are involved. The participants spoke out for a further broad and manifold preparatory work, they particularly urged the establishment of NPCs in those countries where they don't yet exist. In this regard the participants underlined that in the preparatory process the equality of NPCs, the non-interference into internal affairs of the national preparatory work should be fully respected.
- 7. The participants expressed their commitment to the future of the festival movement. The future

of the World Festival of Youth and Students should be based on the adaption of its political content to the changing political climate in the world, taking into account the rich traditions acquired in the past. The participants were of the understanding that the development of the contents, size, methods and forms of future World Festivals must be based on dialogue, openness and political broadness. Thus the democratic preparatory process must be strengthened.

Ideas expressed included:

The festival should become more and more a broad platform of exchange of views, ideas, experiences and potentially joint actions,

- that includes ever broader forces of democracy and progress,
- be more youthlike and reflect their concerns,
- continue to function on the common will, democratic principles, understanding, consultations, respect to the various political, ideological, religious tendencies comprising the festival movement and the decision making on the basis of consensus,
- to carry the festival to various continents and parts of the world.

Taking note of the discussions that took place during the 3rd IPC on the future of the festivals and the festival movement the participants decided to call upon all NPCs, national, regional and international organizations to continue these discussions in bilateral and multilateral forms as well as informal meetings. The 3rd IPC agreed to continue the elaboration of relevant recommendations on these discussions before the 13th WFYS, in particular on the venue of the 14th WFYS.

8. On the basis of the results of the work of the PWG forwarded to the 3rd IPC extensive discussion took place with regard to the programme of the 13th WFYS. With regard to the political contents of the festival programme the participants recalled the results of the 1st IPC, namely regarding the festival slogan "For Anti-Imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship" and the message to youth and students of the world adopted at the 12th WFYS in Moscow,

as well as the respective agreements from the 2nd IPC meeting on the general guidelines for the festival programme.

- 9. The participants agreed that the programme should, in accordance with the positive experience acquired at previous festivals, particularly the 12th WFYS in Moscow, provide the framework for deep and diversified discussions and exchanges of views in an open and democratic manner on the various topics of concern for the different youth and student organizations. It should, as agreed at the 2nd IPC, be of a broad and universal character attractive to young people of all the broadest possible political, social, religious and philosophical orientations and reflect the values of the festival movement, the best experiences of the 12th Festival, the changes which are taking place in the international situation and the ideal of the festival slogan "For Anti-Imperialist Solidarity, Peace and Friendship".
- 10. The meeting agreed that during the days of the festival the following themes should comprehensively reflect the issues of concern among youth and students:
 - Opening of the festival
 - Youth and Students for peace, disarmament, a nuclear-weapon-free world, security, against chemical weapons and any other kind of weapons of mass destruction
 - Youth and Students for anti-imperialist solidarity, national liberation, independence, sovereignty and national self-determination, social progress, democracy and human dignity
 - Youth and Students for socio-economic development, disarmament for development and a New International Economic Order (NIEO)
 - Youth and Students for understanding, friendship, cooperation and the democratization of international relations, for the protection of nature and the environment and the solution of other global problems
 - Youth and Students for their rights

- Day of the host country
- Closing of the festival
- 11. The main forum for diversified discussions on the issues of concern for the various organizations, for the exchange of information, experiences, views and outlooks shall be the thematic discussion centres, the following of which were agreed:
 - 1. Peace-disarmament a nuclear-weaponfree world-security
 - 2. Anti-imperialist solidarity, national liberation, independence, sovereignty and national self-determination, social progress, democracy and human dignity
 - 3. Non-alignment
 - Socio-economic development—a NIEO— Foreign debts-Disarmament for Development
 - 5. Protection of nature and the environment—
 a New International Information and
 Communication Order (NIICO)—The solution of other global problems
 - 6. Youth, Students and Children rights as inalienable part of human rights
 - 7. Women's rights
 - 8. Education—the sciences—new technologies
- 12. It was agreed to include the following special events into the festival programme:
 - Anti-imperialist Tribunal
 - Special hearing on the crimes of racism, Apartheid, fascism, Zionism; chauvinism; xenophobia; intolerance and all forms of oppression
 - Festival fair and solidarity bazaar

- 13. Particular forums to be organized in the course of the Festival will be devoted to:
 - "Youth and Students Cooperation in the Face of the Challenges of the 3rd Millenium—The Role of the Festival Movement"
 - "On the situation in Asia and the Pacific"
 - "Democratization of international relations—the Role of the UN"
- 14. Special programmes will be organized to promote the specific exchanges and cooperation of organizations active in particular fields:
 - Tourism and exchanges
 - Students
 - Children
 - Religious youth and students
- 15. The festival programme will also include various thematic mass activities as well as rallies of solidarity with the peoples, youth and students of different regions, and countries.
- 16. The IPC supported the idea to hold various meetings of special interest groups during the festival.
- 17. Further important elements of the festival programme will be formed by the cultural programme and the sports programme including discussions on these subjects.
 - The National Clubs will be places for the participants of the festival and the youth of the host country for meeting and discussing the national experiences of youth and student organizations in various countries, their political, social and cultural life.
- 18. The meeting agreed that the KPC works out a programme of the host country and that they ensure the participants can meet and develop

dialogue with different groups of youth and students in the DPRK.

participants elected a Permanent 19. The Commission in accordance with the traditions of the festival movement (see Annex), and agreed on its precise functions and mandate. For the international preparatory process till the 13th WFYS the PC will, on the basis of the decisive sovereign role of the IPC in the decision making process, act for the execution of the IPC decisions. The PC in its work should closely associate itself with all NPCs and interested organizations and particularly cooperate with the NPC of the host country. The host country shall make all appropriate technical and communication facilities available for the PC. The PC will ensure an open and democratic practice in its methods of work on the basis of consensus which is regarded as a form of search for widely acceptable agreement in the spirit of a constructive approach towards the traditions of the festival movement, its main goals and objectives. The PC in formulating its work it should work against the background of the broad views of opinions existing within the IPC and fully take them into account.

20. The PC should:

- assist and stimulate the preparatory process for the festival on all levels, contribute to its coordination, providing it with indispensable elements serving its advancement,
- ensure the festival preparations in liasion with the IPC, all NPCs and interested international, regional and national organizations.
- assist the work of NPCs of all the IPC members and organizations interested by the regular and systematic dissemination of information and experiences accumulated in the course of the festival preparations,
- regularly inform all the IPC members about its activities and functioning,
- duly inform the international public about ongoing festival preparations (media and systems of governmental and nongovernmental organizations) and promote the respective contacts,

- promote the creation of the material conditions for the successful holding of the festival, make every effort for the success of the International Solidarity Fund of the festival, by its decisions determine the principles and main guidelines for the utilization of the International Solidarity Fund, provide the Treasurer with all the necessary assistance in fulfilling his task,
- manage the funds, offices and sevices of the Permanent Commission including the communication system between the PC and all parts of the IPC,
- elaborate a detailed programme of the 13th WFYS to be submitted for discussion and adoption to the 4th IPC, the PC should take into account the various ideas and proposals on the contents of the festival programme put forward by various participants of the 3rd IPC,
- carry out all necessary consultations regarding the participation of the various delegations in the festival and their size (quota) and carry out all work needed to assist the delegations ensuring their participation and extend the invitations in case of urgent necessity,
- assist in the organization and running of the events of the festival in accordance with its programme in cooperation with the NPCs, the regional and international organizations,
- promote the exchange of ideas and consultations on the continuity and future of the festival movement, in order to stimulate the elaboration of a common understanding, a jointly acceptable approach on the 14th Festival,
- elaborate due rules and methods for the organization and the co-ordination of its work.
- adopt a plan of work and make it public to all NPCs and interested regional and international organizations thus allowing them to participate in its deliberations, should they wish so.

The Treasurer takes part in the work of the PC.

21. The IPC took note of the information provided by the host country of the festival on the preparation of due working conditions for the PC from January, 1989. It appealed to all NPCs and organizations elected to promptly send



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their representatives to Pyongyang in order to ensure a timely assuming of the work of the PC.

- 22. The participants welcomed the invitation of the Korean Preparatory Committee for the 4th IPC meeting and agreed to convene it to Pyongyang, DPRK on 30 March-3 April, 1989. The 4th IPC will review the general advancement of the festival preparations, and particularly discuss the detailed draft programme to be prepared by the PC as well as exchange views regarding the festival movement beyond the 13th World Festival.
- 23. Having regard to the working mechanism of several international organizations on the proposals of the PWG the National Preparatory

Committee of the GDR was authorised in its capacity as host of the 3rd meeting of the IPC, to submit to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the General Director of UNESCO and the Chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement an official invitation requesting them to attend the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students. It will extend an invitation to the President of the International Olympic Committee as well. The NPC of the GDR was mandated to extend a special invitation to Nelson Mandela.

24. The participants expressed their sincere thanks to the host organization of the 3rd IPC, the NPC of the GDR, for the excellent working conditions provided.

